

fund by section 3 of this Act may be expended by the Secretary in any one fiscal year for such options."

Freehold or  
leasehold inter-  
est, conveyance.

SEC. 5. (a) With respect to any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior within a unit of the national park system or miscellaneous area, except property within national parks, or within national monuments of scientific significance, the Secretary may convey a freehold or leasehold interest therein, subject to such terms and conditions as will assure the use of the property in a manner which is, in the judgment of the Secretary, consistent with the purpose for which the area was authorized by the Congress. In any case in which the Secretary exercises his discretion to convey such interest, he shall do so to the highest bidder, in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, but such conveyance shall be at not less than the fair market value of the interest, as determined by the Secretary; except that if any such conveyance is proposed within two years after the property to be conveyed is acquired by the Secretary, he shall allow the last owner or owners of record of such property thirty days following the date on which they are notified by the Secretary in writing that such property is to be conveyed within which to notify the Secretary that such owners wish to acquire such interest. Upon receiving such timely request, the Secretary shall convey such interest to such person or persons, in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, upon payment or agreement to pay an amount equal to the highest bid price.

Former owners,  
priority.

Land exchange  
authority.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept title to any non-Federal property or interest therein within a unit of the National Park System or miscellaneous area under his administration, and in exchange therefor he may convey to the grantor of such property or interest any Federally-owned property or interest therein under his jurisdiction which he determines is suitable for exchange or other disposal and which is located in the same State as the non-Federal property to be acquired: *Provided, however,* That timber lands subject to harvest under a sustained yield program shall not be so exchanged. Upon request of a State or a political subdivision thereof, or of a party in interest, prior to such exchange the Secretary or his designee shall hold a public hearing in the area where the lands to be exchanged are located. The values of the properties so exchanged either shall be approximately equal, or if they are not approximately equal, the values shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor from funds appropriated for the acquisition of land for the area, or to the Secretary as the circumstances require.

Public hear-  
ing.

Proceeds.

(c) The proceeds received from any conveyance under this section shall be credited to the land and water conservation fund in the Treasury of the United States.

Approved July 15, 1968.

Public Law 90-402

AN ACT

To provide for sale or exchange of isolated tracts of tribal lands on the Flathead Reservation, Montana.

July 18, 1968  
[S. 2701]

Flathead Reser-  
vation, Mont.  
Tribal lands,  
sale or exchange.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That upon request of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Montana, acting through their governing body, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to dispose of the following described tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the reservation by sale at not less than fair market value or by exchange: *Provided,* That

the values of any lands so exchanged either shall be approximately equal in fair market value, or if they are not approximately equal the values shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor or to the Secretary as the circumstances require:

Township 17 north, range 20 west, M.P.M., section 6, lots 2, 3, 4, containing 118.53 acres.

Township 18 north, range 21 west, M.P.M., section 20, north half north half northwest quarter southeast quarter, containing 10.00 acres.

Township 19 north, range 21 west, M.P.M., section 28 south half northeast quarter, containing 80.00 acres.

Township 20 north, range 21 west, M.P.M., section 1 northeast quarter southwest quarter, containing 40.00 acres.

Township 22 north, range 22 west, M.P.M., section 3 north half southeast quarter, containing 80.00 acres.

Township 19 north, range 23 west, M.P.M., section 5 northeast quarter southwest quarter, containing 40.00 acres; section 35 south half northeast quarter, southeast quarter northwest quarter, northeast quarter southeast quarter, containing 160.00 acres.

Township 20 north, range 23 west, M.P.M., section 15 northeast quarter, southeast quarter northwest quarter, containing 200.00 acres; section 17 west half southwest quarter, containing 80.00 acres; section 18 southeast quarter northeast quarter, east half southeast quarter, containing 120.00 acres; section 29 northwest quarter southwest quarter, containing 40.00 acres; section 30 northeast quarter southeast quarter, containing 40.00 acres; section 29 west half southwest quarter southwest quarter southwest quarter, containing 5.00 acres; section 32 northwest quarter northwest quarter northwest quarter northwest quarter, containing 2.50 acres.

Township 22 north, range 23 west, M.P.M., section 9 southwest quarter northeast quarter, southeast quarter northwest quarter, east half southwest quarter, west half southeast quarter, containing 240.00 acres.

Township 23 north, range 23 west, M.P.M., section 3 southwest quarter northeast quarter, containing 40.00 acres; section 5 west half southeast quarter northwest quarter, southwest quarter northwest quarter, containing 60.00 acres; section 17 southeast quarter southeast quarter, containing 40.00 acres; section 19 lots 2 and 4, southeast quarter northwest quarter, containing 103.21 acres.

Township 24 north, range 23 west, M.P.M., section 19, southwest quarter, northeast quarter, northeast quarter southwest quarter, east half southeast quarter, containing 160.00 acres; section 20, southwest quarter southwest quarter, containing 40.00 acres; section 30, northeast quarter northeast quarter, containing 40.00 acres.

Township 23 north, range 24 west, M.P.M., section 1, northeast quarter southwest quarter, containing 40.00 acres; section 3, northwest quarter southeast quarter, containing 40.00 acres; section 24, northeast quarter southeast quarter northeast quarter, south half southeast quarter northeast quarter, southeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter, containing 40.00 acres.

Township 24 north, range 24 west, M.P.M., section 1, lot 2, containing 26.10 acres; section 35, northwest quarter northeast quarter, containing 40.00 acres.

The net proceeds from the sale or exchange of lands pursuant to this section shall be used to acquire within a reasonable time additional lands within the reservation boundaries in accordance with section 2 of this Act.

SEC. 2. Upon request of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire Indian- or non-Indian-owned lands within the reservation boundaries for such tribes, and such lands may be held for tribal use or for sale to tribal members. Title to lands acquired pursuant to this authority shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the tribes or the tribal member to whom the land is sold.

Approved July 18, 1968.

Public Law 90-403

AN ACT

July 18, 1968  
[S. 1059]

To amend the Act relating to the leasing of lands in Alaska for grazing in order to make certain improvements in such Act.

Alaska.  
Grazing lands.

48 USC 471-  
471o.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the protection, development, and utilization of the public lands in Alaska by establishing an adequate system for grazing livestock thereon”, approved March 4, 1927 (44 Stat. 1452), is amended to read as follows:

“NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT AND ALTERATION OF GRAZING RIGHTS

“SEC. 5. Before establishing or altering a district the Secretary shall publish once a week for a period of six consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each judicial division in which the district proposed to be established or altered is located, a notice describing the boundaries of the proposed district or the proposed alteration, announcing the date on which he proposes to establish such district or make such alteration and the location and date of hearings required under this section. No such alteration shall be made until after public hearings are held with respect to such alteration in each such judicial division after the publishing of such notice.”

SEC. 2. (a) Subsection (a) of section 7 of such Act of March 4, 1927, is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. (a) A lease may be made for such term as the Secretary deems reasonable, but not to exceed fifty-five years, taking into consideration all factors that are relevant to the exercise of the grazing privileges conferred.”

(b) Such section 7 is further amended by inserting at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

“(d) Each lease shall provide that the lessee may negotiate for renewal of such lease, subject to the provisions of this Act, at any time during the final five years of the term of such lease.”

SEC. 3. Section 14 of such Act of March 4, 1927, is amended by inserting “(a)” after “SEC. 14” and by inserting at the end of such section a new subsection as follows:

“(b) The Secretary shall take no action which will adversely affect rights under any lease pursuant to this Act until notifying the holder of such lease that such action is proposed and giving such holder an opportunity for a hearing.”

Approved July 18, 1968.